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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents BOX PATENT APPLICATION Washington, D.C. 20231 February 19, 1998

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 17, line 8, change "claim 14, 15 or 16" to --claim 14--.

Claim 18, line 8, change "claim 14, 15 or 16" to --claim 14--.

Claim 19, line 4, change "claim 17 or 18" to --claim 17--.

## REMARKS

The specification has been amended in order to delete the improper multiple dependencies in order to place the application into better form prior to examination. Favorable action on the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any